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Florence, July 15. N. S.

YEsterday two Britiſh Men of War, one of which is called the Centurion, arrived at Leghorn from England. Three Days before their Arrival they paſſed through the French Fleet bound from the Levant for Marſeilles, conſiſting of ſixty Sail under Convoy of eight Men of War. The Allies have diſpoſed of their Fleet in the Mediterranean in the moſt proper method to intercept this Convoy: Nine Men of War have been for ſome time cruiſing before the Port of Marſeilles, to wait for their Arrival, which have ſince been joined by fifteen Sail under the Command of Sir John Norris; ſo that it will be very difficult for them to avoid falling in with the Confederates, before they can touch at any Port in France. Theſe Britiſh Men of War, in their Voyage from England, put in at Gibraltar, where they had an Account, that the Ambuſcade had attacked a large French Ship before the Streights Mouth, valued at one hundred and fifty thouſand Pieces of Eight, which ſtruck after ſome Oppoſition, but blew up before the Ambuſcade bearded her; all her Men (except two who were taken up from floating on ſome broken Planks) were drowned, and two other Ships that were in Company with this Veſſel that ſurrendred, bound for St. Maloes from Marſeilles, made their Eſcape becauſe of this Diſaſter. The Ambuſcade had ſixty Men killed or wounded in the Action; and being very much damaged in her Sails and Rigging, was obliged to ſail for Lisbon to refit. Letters from Rome of the 12th ſay, that the Pope continued indiſpoſed; that he had held a new Congregation to adjuſt the Equivalent with the Imperial Commiſſaries for the charge of the new Fortifications of Commachio; and that a Learned Profeſſor of Divinity in the Sapienza had been accuſed of Janſeniſm, and committed to the Caſtle of St. Angelo by the Office of the Inquiſition.

Genoa, July 17. N. S. The French Fleet laden with Corn from the Levant was ſeen ſome Days ago in the Latitude of this Place, ſailing towards Provence; and two Tartans were diſpatched from hence to give them Intelligence that the Confederate Fleet was cruiſing on that Coaſt, in expectation of their arrival. The Galleys of the Duke of Turſis which are ordered to ſail for Corſica, to take on Board the Soldiers that ſaved themſelves on that Iſland after the Miſcarriage of their Expedition on Sardinia, are detained in this Harbour, the Duke having received Intelligence that ſeven Britiſh Men of War were cruiſing near that Iſland.

Milan, July 19. N. S. The Duke of Modena hath paid the Imperial Commiſſary the remainder of the Sum which was demanded for his Contribution. They write from Turin, that the Duke of Savoy, and the Royal Family, were recovered of their Sickneſs, and would ſpeedily remove to St. George for the benefit of the Air; that General Thaun ſet out for the Army on the 12th Inſtant, which was to be aſſembled at Demont on the 16th; that General Rhebinder had already poſſeſſed himſelf of ſome Poſts near Briançon, and that the Enemy had aſſembled their Forces in the Neighbourhood of that Place, at Guilleſtre, and in the Vallies of Queiras and Barcelonette.

Hague, Auguſt 1. N. S. The Plenipotentiaries of the reſpective Potentates of the Alliance being fully ſatisfied that the Enemy have not yet entertained any ſerious Thoughts of a General Peace, that they would elude the Execution of the thirty ſeventh Article, and that their Endeavours have tended more to diſunite the Allies, than to reſtore the Tranquility of Europe, are returning to their ſeveral Courts. Some are already gone, and others are preparing for their Departure. Count Zinzendorf returned on the 30th of the laſt Month from the Army, and deſigns to ſet out ſpeedily for Vienna. We hear, that the Miniſters of France made a Viſit to the Mareſchal de Villars on their way to Paris. Several Conferences have lately been held here in order to ſecure the Empire from any Moleſtation by the Northern War, and 'tis believed the Meaſures they have concerted will be effectual for the continuance of its Tranquility. Advices from the Camp before Bethune ſay, that the Enemy were repulſed with the Loſs of four hundred Men in the Sally they made on the 24th of the laſt Month, and that the Allies had three hundred Men killed and wounded. The Inundation at General Schulemburg's Attack being drained, the Approaches were carried on with great Succeſs, our Workmen being in no Danger from the Enemies Mines on that ſide, and the Acceſs not ſo difficult as at General Fagel's. The Prince d'Auvergne, who poſſeſſed the Barony of Berg-op-zoom, died lately of the Small Pox, and his Loſs is very much lamented. Letters from Spain of the 15th of the laſt Month ſay, that the Duke of Anjou had been obliged to retire with his Army towards Belpeuch for want of Proviſions; and that the Confederates continued in their ſtrong Camp near Balaguer.

Bruſſels, Auguſt 2. N. S. Letters from the Camp before Bethune of Yeſterday ſay, that the Beſiegers had finiſhed two Batteries at General Fagel's Attack, one of ſeven Cannon, and the other of twelve and three Mortars; the Approaches at General Schulemburg's Attack were carried on with great Succeſs. Mr. Cardonnel, Secretary to the Duke of Marlborough, was gone to Liſle for the Recovery of his Health. Advices from the Frontiers ſay, that the People of France having been a long time flattered with Hopes of an approaching Peace, appear very much diſſatisfied at the return of their Miniſters.

Oſtend, Auguſt 3. N. S. Our laſt Advices from the Camp ſay, that on Thurſday the 31ſt of July the whole French Army, under the Command of Marſhal Villars, marched to Aveſne le Comte, with a deſign, as they gave out, to offer us Battel, having left their heavy Baggage at Arras and Bapaume. The Duke of Marlborough having obſerved their Motions, immediately commanded the Detachments from ſeveral Poſts to join the Army, and prepared to receive them, extending his Forces along the Souchet, and encamping with his Left at Viller-au Bois near Mont St. Eloy, and his Right at Viller-Brulin. Both Armies continued all that Night in order of Battel; the next Morning the Duke of Marlborough and the other Generals having obſerved their Encampment, found that they were only employed in caſting up new Trenches, from the Source of the Scarpe to that of the Canche.

Plimouth, July 23. Yeſterday arrived Admiral Aylmer in the Royal Sovereign, with the Royal Ann, Torbay, Cornwall, Ruſſel, Newarke, Phœnix Fireſhip, Port Mahon, and twenty outward-bound Merchant-ſhips, and ſeveral Coaſters. This Afternoon ſailed the Fleet above-mentioned, with the Kent, Eſſex, Aſſurance, York, Monk, Colcheſter and Litchfield; as alſo the Evelyn Packetboat for the Weſt-Indies.

Kenſington, July 24. The Queen has been graciouſly pleaſed to beſtow the Place of Maſter of the Ceremonies, vacant by the Death of Sir Charles Cottrell, on his Son Clement Cottrell, Eſq; and he had this Day the Honour of kiſſing Her Majeſty's Hand for the ſame; at which time Her Majeſty was likewiſe pleaſed to confer upon him the Honour of Knighthood.

General Poſt-Office, July 25. At the laſt Aſſizes held at Kingſton for the County of Surry, Elizabeth Locker was Tried on an Information exhibited againſt her, in her Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, for ringing a Hand-

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